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THE FRASER INSTITUTE.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The accounts for the year ending 30th June, 1895, duly audited, are appended to this report, the various schedules show details of the receipts and disbursements of the Institution during the past year.

The ordinary revenue derived from the Fraser building and other sources has not greatly varied from that of former years. The cost of administration has only slightly increased, but exceptional expenditures have been incurred in improvements and repairs of the reading-room and Hospital building, and in replacing the old elevator in the Fraser building by an electric motor, with a view of greater efficiency and economy in working. From these causes there has been an excess of expenditure over receipts, from all sources, of $3,811.83; and while some items on both sides of the account have been exceptional in their character, it is obvious that the outlays must be very seriously diminished, at the loss of efficiency, or that some means must be devised to increase the ordinary revenue.

The farm property of the Institute, having for a number of years yielded very poor returns by way of rental, the governors decided to sell a portion thereof so soon as in their judgment a reasonable price could be obtained. The MacMartin farm of 54 arpents was sold in 1891 for $9,450.00, of which $4,450.00 has still to be collected; and this year an option to purchase the Knox farm, 424 arpents, with the adjoining water power privilege, for the sum of $100,000.00, has been granted to Mr. Thomas Pringle. There seems great probability that the transaction will be successfully carried through, in which event the revenue of the Institution will receive a much needed augmentation.

It is a satisfaction to report that the attendance has so increased that it has necessitated greater accommodation for readers. This has been arranged for to such an extent that the

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61,000 who have attended during the past year (an increase of 13,500) have been comfortably seated, and by the removal of the Library of the Law Faculty of McGill further provision is practicable in the future. An encouraging increase is also to be reported in regard to the number of regular borrowers in the Circulating Department.

This, no doubt, is largely due to the wider acquaintance with the extent and importance of the Library, and to the efforts which have been made to add to its attractiveness. It is a gratifying recognition of its value that the donations during the past year, which amount to nearly five hundred volumes, have been selected with an appreciation that the greatest need of the Library is for works of accepted merit.

Over seven hundred and fifty volumes have been bound and repaired, thus rendering them available for readers, while arrangements have also been made for the constant supervision and repair of books; but it is to be regretted that a portion of the public have not yet risen to a true appreciation of the privileges extended to them, inasmuch as a number of cases of wilful mutilation and pilfering have to be noticed.

Nearly seven hundred volumes have been added by purchase—these include the most important works of recent English fiction, a fair number of biographies, complete translations of Balzac, Dumas, Saint-Amand, and of separate works of other French and Russian authors, some of the latest works on electricity, many of recent travel, and care has been taken to complete such sets as were hitherto unpublished or missing. The French section of the Library has received equal care; further additions have been made to the literature of the Napoleonic era, and to military and general history, some critical and biographical studies have also been purchased, and for the first time in many years especial attention has been given to Canadiana.

The Governors fully recognize that the value of the Library is in a large measure dependent on an intelligent and constant selection of reading matter, and the public may rest assured that with its co-operation every effort will be made towards this end.

R. B. ANGUS, *President.*

MONTREAL, Oct. 10, 1895.

Abstract of Receipts and Disbursements for the Year ending June 30th, 1895.

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
Revenue Account (see *Schedule I.*)	$12,892.80	Cash balance due the Molsons Bank on the 1st July, 1894	$4,734.44
Sale of Catalogues	1.00	Current Annual Expenses (see Revenue Account, *Schedule I.*)	16,704.63
Sale of Old Books	3.37	*Furniture Account*—Library Counter	37.00
Molsons Bank on Special Deposit	4,851.49	" " —Fraser Building, Fire Buckets	5.00
Interest on Special deposit in the Molsons Bank	167.38	" " —Institute Steel Barrow	6.50
Cash received for the fourth payment on the Sale of the McMartin Farm	1,000 00	*Library Account*—Periodicals	174.85
Capital cash received from the City for expropriation of land in St. Peter Street	1,921.20	" " —Books	711.43
John Irwin's note	321.96	" " —Binding	304.26
Balance due Molsons Bank on general account	6,008.69	*King's Post Farm*—Balance of John Irwin's note	251.96
		Extensive alterations in the Library Reading Room	220.00
		Balance in the Molsons Bank on Special Deposit	4,017.82
	$27,167.89		$27,167.89

MONTREAL, 23rd September, 1895. Audited and Certified Correct. P. S. ROSS & SONS,
Chartered Accountants.

SCHEDULE I.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements on General

RECEIPTS.

RENTS:—Fraser Buildings			$7,465.93
High School Property			
The Hospital	$ 441.67		
Taxes	200.00		
		$ 641.67	
Institute Building—Hall and other rooms		1,089.00	
Societies meeting in the Institute		75.00	
			$1,805.67
King's Post Farm			1,000.00
Knox Farm			1,200.00
Circulating Department			3.20
Interest on unpaid portion of the purchase price of the McMartin Farm			272.50
Donation by the President, to be applied to revenue			1,000.00
Taxes overcharged by the City last year refunded			145.50
			$12,892.80
Balance carried to debit of Capital			3,811.83
			$16,704.63

Certified Correct.

P. S. ROSS & SONS,
Chartered Accountants.

MONTREAL, 23rd September, 1895.

SCHEDULE I.

Revenue Account for the year ending June 30th, 1895.

DISBURSEMENTS.

The Institute.		
Annual expenses (see *Schedule III.*)		$4,410.35
High School Property.		
Paid Estate of Sir John Abbott, interest on unpaid portion of the purchase price	$ 159.84	
Running expenses of the ground floor (see *Schedule IV.*)	338.58	
Sundry repairs, &c	160.55	
Taxes—The Hospital	200.00	
Legal expenses, *re* The Hospital	138.07	
Advertising	19.53	
Insurance (Furniture)	9.12	
" (Building)	25.00	
Carpentering (Hospital)	12.66	
Paid on accouut of new hot water heating apparatus (Hospital)	550.00	
Paid on account of painting, tinting, &c. (Hospital)	300.00	
		$1,913.35
King's Post Farm.		
Interest on mortgage held by Mrs. Buckland		126.00
Knox Farm.		
Interest on mortgage held by the Montreal General Hospital		200.00
Fraser Buildings.		
Interest on mortgage held by Robt. Hamilton	2,500.00	
Insurance on Building	262.50	
" Rents	44.62	
Paid for machinery to run the Elevator by Electricity	1,850.00	
Advertising Offices to let	77.50	
Current Expenses (see *Schedule V.*)	3,810.91	
		8,545.53
Annuity paid to Alex. Fraser		1,000.00
Current Expenses		
Stationery	49.15	
Auditor's fee, 1893-94	25.00	
Telephone	25.00	
Postages	24.60	
Printing	42.75	
Notarial and Legal	142.97	
Ice (two seasons)	12.00	
Miscellaneous	7.35	
		328.82
Interest paid the Molsons Bank on overdraft		180.58
		$16,704.63

SCHEDULE II.

Statement of Subscriptions to the Fraser Institute.

Will of the late Revd. Frederick Frothingham	$25,000 00
John H. R. Molson, Esq	20,438 30
The Honourable Sir John Caldwell Abbott	5,000 00
Will of the late Thomas Workman	4,000 00
R. B. Angus, Esq	3,000 00
Honorable Justice Torrance	1,000 00
Peter Redpath, Esq	1,000 00
Hugh McLennan, Esq	1,000 00
W. C. McDonald, Esq	1,000 00
Thos. Workman, Esq	1,000 00
Duncan McIntyre, Esq	1,000 00
Sir Donald A. Smith	1,000 00
W. B. Cummings, Esq	250 00
O. S. Wood, Esq	250 00
George Hague, Esq	250 00
Andrew Allan, Esq	250 00
Chas. Cushing, Esq	250 00
G. W. Hamilton, Esq	100 00
Anon	126 38
Total amount of donations to date	$65,914 68

Certified correct,

P. S. Ross & Sons.

Montreal, 23 September, 1895.

SCHEDULE III.

Statement of the current Annual Expenses of the Institute for the year ending June 30th, 1895.

Salaries		$3,141 83
Taxes		139 50
Gas for Institute and Caretaker's house	378 61	
Expenses for introducing Auer light	65 90	
		444 51
Heating		286 15
Cleaning, Charing, and removing snow		63 28
Water Rates		35 28
Expenses Montreal Book Club		10 00
MISCELLANEOUS :—		
Plumbing	102 89	
Double windows	7 50	
Carpentering	33 85	
Matting	9 23	
Oiling floors, etc	28 22	
New hose	6 89	
Alterations to carry water from the roof to main drain	27 00	
Jos. Rielle, for report	12 00	
Library requisites	9 25	
New Filter	12 00	
J. B. Hutcheson, witness fees	5 00	
Miscellaneous	35 97	
		289 80
		$4,410 35

Correct.

P. S. ROSS & SONS,
Chartered Accountants.

MONTREAL, 23rd September, 1895.

SCHEDULE IV.

The Fraser Institute.—Basement. Year ending June 30th 1895.

1.—Construction, Repairs and Furniture.		
Washing basins put into three rooms	$ 83 50	
Plastering, painting and tinting	77 05	
		$ 160 55
2.—Running Expenses.		
Heating	$143 07	
Lighting	170 05	
Cleaning	8 00	
Water	17 46	
		$ 338 58

Correct.

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SCHEDULE V.

Statement of the Current Annual Expenses of the Fraser Buildings for the year ending June 30th, 1895.

Salary of Caretaker	$ 225 00		
" Elevator man	240 00		
		$ 465	00
Gas		252	37
Water Rate		3	65
City Taxes		848	75
Heating, Coal and Wood		599	37
Elevator, Water Power	743 24		
" Electric "	206 25		
" Repairs	42 68		
		$ 992	17
Putting up and taking down Double Windows		30	00
Repairs—Carpentering	57 16		
Plumbing	86 41		
Plastering	29 85		
Tinting, Painting offices, passages and halls	335 15		
Iron bars to windows on basement 87 St. Peter St.	28 00		
Special patrol service 43 St. Sacrament St	20 00		
Sundry repairs $14 50			
Miscellaneous 48 53			
	$ 63 03		
		$ 619	60
		$3,810	91

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SCHEDULE VI.

(1)

Abstract of Attendance at the Library for the year ending June 30th, 1895.

	Morn.	Aft.	Eve.	Total.
Actual attendance during the past year....	14,968	31,813	14,531	61,312
Number of times open.....	336	336	295	336
Average attendance *per diem*.....	46	95	49	190

(2)

Comparison of Attendance during the ten months ending June 30th, 1895.

	Morn.	Aft.	Eve.	Total.
Average attendance *per diem*.....1886–87.	21	46	17	84
" " " ....1887–88.	26	49	22	97
" " " .....1888–89.	23	52	27	102
" " " .....1889–90.	24	66	27	117
" " " .....1890–91.	28	62	32	122
" " " .....1891–92.	34	67	31	132
" " " .....1892–93.	32	61	30	123
" " " .....1893–94.	44	76	33	153
" " " .....1894–95.	47	101	49	197

Comparative Statistics of Attendance per Month during last year.

Average daily attendance	Morning.	Afternoon.	Evening.
Largest.....	Feb. & Mar.= 62.	130.	57.
Smallest.....	July & Aug.= 28.	51.	June.= 34.

In comparing the different figures given above, it should be borne in mind that the Library is closed in the evenings during the months of July and August.

SCHEDULE VII.

List of Donations of Books for the year ending 30th June, 1895.

	Vols.
"A Friend"	2
Angus, R. B	32
Art Association of Montreal	1
Balch, Edwin Swift	2
Bigelow, Mrs. T	17
Boston, City of, Public Library	1
Bourinot, J. G	2
Campbell, Dr. F. W	17
Canada, Govt. of	5
Chili, Govt. of	22
Fortier, Auguste	1
Francis, Mrs. F. W	5
Gurley, Prof. W. F. E. (Springfield, Ill.)	1
Harris & Haddon, (Exeter)	1
Hutton, Mrs. W. H., per J. Try Davis	33
Le Moine, J. M	5
McLennan, Wm	51
Montreal Book Club	86
May, Miss	1
Torrance, Estate Late Judge	9
United States, Govt. of (Bureau of Education)	2
" " " (Dept. of Agriculture)	1
Wilson, Mrs. Robert	1
Wood, Mrs. Robert	197
	495

The Governors of the Fraser Institute take this opportunity to thank the proprietors of the following newspapers and periodicals for free copies :—

Gazette, Herald, Richmond Guardian, Montreal Medical Journal, Canadian Trade Review, Canadian Record of Science, Real Estate Record, India's Women, (London, Eng.,) Our Home, Victoria Home Journal, The Shareholder, British Columbia Commercial Journal, Canadian Colliery Guardian, Woman's Tribune (Washington, D. C.), The Indicator, La Clinique.